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THE COMPANION

So many ways, by which they may earn, . livelihood, are open to the women of to-day that the positions which formerly were the only ones in which they were employed are now to a great extent neglectd. There are, however, many women, brought up in the old school of feminine fitness, who still cling to the belief that the hurry and worry of the business world is not for women. To these the position of teacher, governess or companion seems the only suitable work for a woman.

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Not many years ago there was a great demand for women of education, refinement, and culture as companions, but with the advent of physical culture for women, higher education for girls, and the modern self-dependence of all women the demand has lessened. In this, the beginning of the-twenticht century, there is no great call for the professional companion, and yet, investigation shows that there are still a large number, of women who yearly earn their living in this way. If it were possible all positions should be filled by persons who have some natural qualification for the business which they intend to pursue. It is folly to try to force a professional training upon a born mechanic from the real student, Likewise, it is not productive of the best results to insist on making a teacher of a girl who really likes the busile and turmoil of a business life. If those upon whom has fallen the training of children would conscientiously try to discover for what the child has some natural fitness and arrange all its education and training to follow this inclination, there would not be so many unsuccessful men and women or so many of the incompetent in every vocation.

Should any girl resolve to seek a position as paid companion, there are certain

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Testimonials.

The Railway Young Men's Christian As-

sociation, of this city, is a pronounced

success. The interest of the railroad men

in the institution is constantly increasing,

and the membership roll is being aument-

ed daily. Just now there is a very ani-

mated and interesting membership con-test on between the "Reds" and the

Blues." Mr. Madison Flanagan, general

foreman of the Chesapeake and Ohlo

and Engineman W. R. Sanden, of the

Chesapeake and Ohio, is the zealous leader of the Reds, while Colonel H. A.

Gillis, manager of the Locomotive Works

is the colonel of the two companies. The

contest began July 20th and closes September 30th at 10 P. M. The running teams are to be the guests at the prosident's table at the first members' ban-

The hall, parlors, library room, baths, etc., are liberally patronized by the rail-roaders, and Main Street Station is a pop-

ing a fine work, the chairman being Mrs

Johnson, who makes a most excellent

There are warlous departments of the work-several educational, religious, The efficient Secretary, Mr. S. L. Thomas

seeks to make everything subservient to

in providing for the mental and social pleasures of the membership is ever seeking to strengthen their spiritual lives

ular resort. The Ladies' Auxiliary is

qualities which it behooves her to possess. Sympathy first, and, most important should be here—not merely a sympathy that laughs with those who laugh and weeps with those who beep—but that subile, inate sense that somehow enables her to understand the desires, hopes and fears of those with whem she lives and to meet with infinite enderness the demands of that other nature. A bright disposition and a good temper are very important, since every one seeks and desires as friends or associates those who bring the most brightness and pleasantness into their lives. A companion should also inday herself easily to the manner and habits of the one who employs her. To be well educated and a good conversationalist is desirable since interesting conversation may begulte many tedious hours.

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professional companion is a natural outcome of the present system of society.
To need a companion implies a state of
solitude. Now, many women under the
present regime have necessary quietude
much less hours of loneliness? There are
some women, however, who by reason of
ill health affliction or lack of near relatives, really need some true-hearted girl
or woman to minister to them with loving tenderness, sympathetic fellowship
and consummate tact. There are hundreds
of women who would give much of their
yearly income be it large or small for
such a companion.

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There are many trials peculiar to this position. In the first place it is a work that consumes the entire time of the en-who pursues it. The companion has no regular hours for work or recreation. Her hours of work or play are dependent alike upon the captice of another. Nor alike upon the capfice of another. Not do they have regular duties but as another wills, so must they order their lives. To many, the most galling thing connected with the position is the fact that some women seem to think their comparion little better than a maid and impose many menial services upon thom. A girl employed as a companion, not long ago, wrote to a friend the following letter, which presents a xery good idea of what is crdinarily required of a companion.

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My Dear Mary,—Do you remember the novels we used to read in which there was invariably a kind old lady, terribly rich, who would advertise for a companion. Of course, the heroine of the said novel obtained the situation. The old lady soon learns to love the girl as a daughter. The comperior markes some rich kinsman of the old lady's and the happy pair secure the blessings of the benigh old lady and her money also, for the very accommoditingly slips away

benigh old indy and her money also, for she very accommodatingly slips away from the world and its cares at this convenient season.

This is about as much like the life of a paid companion, speaking from my own experience, as most books are like real life. I have purposely waited some months before trying to tell you anything of my new duties, so that I might got used to them and be able to speak fairly concerning them.

The lady with whom I am living as a companion is neither very rich nor especially kind. She is very commonplace, being rather undersize and in complex-

lon neither blonde nor brunette, but what you and I in our school-girl days call "non-script." She is yory sentmental and extremely fond of Bertha M. Clay's novels. To read these novels aloud is not five many duties. You can imagine how refreshing this is to me, being as you know, the reverse of sentmental and dislking, above all known writings the productions of Miss Clay.

I tried the other day to interest Mrs. R.— In that sweet home story, "Not Like Other Girls." She managed to listen mill the girls decided to become dressmakers, That was entirely too commonplace, so she said that she did not like the story and would I start that other book was "Weded and Farted" I think, by her favorite author. Since then I have not tried to choose her books, but am endenvoring to search out the beauties of Clay. She is a great talker and will consume hours in telliny you about the beaux she used to have. She also takes great interest in all murders and sensational crimes. Another of my duties is to keep thoroughty familiar with all the murder, arson and robbery trials and be able to tell her just what is the latest development. She lost both her children some years ago and her grief for them even now is perhaps the sincerest part of her life. The children for miles around love her dearly, and well they may, for she is a veritable fairy godmether to many of them. Sometimes when I am disposed to Unink how thresome and upreasonable she is. I remember the awo tiny graves down in the orchard and I feel a great pity swell in my heart for her.

One thing nettles me a little afraid that she will not, to use a vulgar expression 'get her money's worth,' but I try to look at it in a philosophical manner and not worry.

it in a philosophical manner was severy;
Size sleeps very late, and likes to have
me come lith her room while she is dressing and rend the papers to her. Then
comes breakfast and after that, what
might be termed the business of the
day, namely writing letters and interviewing cook, tradesmen and dressmen
the case may be. After this we day, namely writing letters and interviewing cook, tradesmen and dressmaker, as the case may be. After this we
sometimes go out, or if the weather is
bad talk and do some bit of fancy work.

Next comes dinner, which is served at
3 P. M. The time from then until halfpast 5 or 6 is mine. If the weather permits, I generally spend this time out in
the house. We cat supper at 7 and it
there are no callers, go up-stairs at about
10 P. M. I generally read to her untill she becomes drowsy and then go to
may room and set up as inte as 1 like
reading or writing letters, Often, as you
will surmise, knowing me as you do, I
set up much later than I should, as I am
doing now, so I will bid you good-night,
or gather good-morning, for it is well after midnight.

Your friend,

In conclusion, if a girl is well educated and has no training or talent for business this is undoubledly a good position, in which to use her stock in trade, but if the girl is wise, she will try to fit herself for some more practical work for which there is a greater demand.

tuary Entered at Trenton.

Secretary W. O. Warthen, of the Rich

iond Horse Show Association, is busily

here this fall, which takes

engaged in completing details for a grand

place during the week of October 12th-

17th. Many extra attractions have been

provided, and it is expected that a great

probably than last fall, when the big am-

phitheatre at Reservoir Park was taxed

o provide accommodations. At this early every box has been taken, and a

large number of the best seats also. The Marine Band, of Washington, will fur-

nish music, and there will be fifty pieces

in it. Concerts will be given by this splen-

did band daily from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.

The Mecklepburg Fair Association, of Charlotte, N. C., has been in existence only a few years, but in keeping with the thriving city of its organization, has made rapid strides both in progress and popularity, and it now ranks as one of the most important points in the North Carolina circuit of fairs and race meetings. The Charlotte meeting comes off during the week following the State Fair and races at Raleigh, and will be well patronized.

rowd will be in attendance, much larger

such good ones as Virginia Jim, 2:12:1-2, and others, was here during the past week on a flying trip from the West. Mr. Graham had Leewood, the sire of Virginia Jim, and some choicely bred brood mares at Gould Hill, but disposed of them a few years ago. He has now however, re-entered the horse business, and has a big stable of tretters and pacers in training at Momouth, Ill. During his residence in Virginia Mr. Graham made numbers of friends, who will wish him all success in the new venture. He is a practical horseman, and with it one of the best informed students of blood lines and pedigrees in the country.

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Berpentine, brown mare, fealed 1892 by Mambrino, and Token of Remembrance, bay mare, fealed 1890, by Leewood, son of Dexter Prince, are both doing nicely in the stable of their owner, A. T. Griffith, of this city. Both marcs were bred by James A. Graham, and are out of Remembrance, the great producing daughter of George Wilkes, who figures as the dam of Virginia Jim, 2121-2 and other fast ones. Serpentine is being driven on the road, and next season will be placed in the breeding ranks and mated with some sire of note, but Token of Remembrance is being jogged, and with the slight handling of her caretaker, William Jefferson, has shown halves in 115 to cart. She promises to make speed rapidly with constant training. Another good looking troter out of old Remembrance is a brown coit, 2, by Shadel and Corteau, now in the stable of William Bass, at Acca farm. Like Serpentine and Token of Remembrance, this youngster was also bred by Mr. Graham, who thinks so highly of him that he has purchased the half interest of Bass and shipped the coit to Monmouth, Ill., where he joins the Graham stable, and hopes are entertained that he may develop speed and race horse quality of a high order.

Wealth, 2:171-4, the beown pacing stal-

Wealth, 2:17-14, the brown pacing stallion by Gambetta Wilkes, dam Magnolia, by Norfolk, who was shipped some weeks since from the farm of his owner, Colonel W. H. Chapman, Gordonsville, Va., to trainer Jack Goldston, Nashville, Tenn., is reported as doing finely. The big, handsome son of Gambetta Wilkes was kept busy in the stud until July, but since he went into Goldston's hands has shown constant improvement, having recently worked an easy mile in 2:16, doing the final quarter in thirty-one second. Goldston won several races with Wealth last season and drove him to his record. This horse has a marvelous turn of speed, season and drove him to his record. This horse has a marvelous turn of speed, and some day when conditions are favorable he is likely to make a wery low record. Wealth was bred by General Julian S. Carr, Durham, N. C., who owned the dam Magnolia. The latter was out of Beek Collins, dam of Choctaw, 2:30, by Woodburn Hambletonian, and she out of Rebecan, thoroughbred daughter of Blucher.

Rucher.

Charles Atkinson, who trains and drives for Captain John L. Roper, of the Foxhall Farm, Norfolk, Va., will take his stable of trotters and pacers down the line of the Maryland and Virginia circuit. Atkinson's string includes Admiral, 2:17-4, pacing, the chestnut gelding, 5, by Colonel Sidney, dam Thrift, by Meander; Virginia, bay mare, 5, by Great Stakes, 2:20, dam Tredelma, by Trevillan, and Marguerite, bay mare, 4, by Great Stakes, dam Lady Margaret, by Nailor, son of Sultan. The latter won the 2:37 trot at Tasley, Va., on the 6th instant, and made a record of 2:24 1-4. She was bred by Captain Roper. This was her first start. Virginia is another of the Foxhall bred trotters. Before leaving the farm Atkin-ten drove her three miles under 2:20, one of them in 2:16 1-2, and she did it right, taving a smooth, easy gait, that seems o indicate that she will go much faster

The bay mare Faustena, thoroughbred daughter of Eolus and War Lass, by War Dance, formerly owned by William Rueger, has been repurchased by him from W. K. Mathews for uso as a brood mare. By the trotting sire, Robert Ransom, Mr. Rueger owns a couple of nice young mares out of Faustena, and he has bred the daughter of Eolus to Longlane, thoroughbred son of Longstreet, by Longfellow. Longlane is in the stud of Edmund Winston, Hanover Courthouse, Va., and his dam was Highland Lassie, by imported Highlander, second dam Algeria, by Abdel Kader, and third dam the famous Nina, by Boston. Algeria was bred by the late Major Thomas Doswell, Builfield stud, Hanover county, where Nina, passed most of her life and dropped her long list of progeny.

The list of progeny.

The list of nominations in the stakes of the interstate Fair Association, Trenton, N. J., to be decided during the week of September 28th to October 2d, includes three horses from the stable of M. F. Hanson, of this city, who has Estuary, 2:19 1-4, chestnut mare, by Expedition, 2:16 3-4, dam Wavelet, 2:24 1-2, by Belmont, entered in the Colonial Stake for 2:24 trotters, rupurs \$1,000; Clarion, 2:15 1-4, bay gelding, by Russell Rex, dam Helice, by Norval, in the Interstate Stake for 2:18 protects, purse \$1,000, and News Boy, 2:18 1-4, gray gelding, by Sidney Prince, dam by Gray Morgan, in the Treaton Stake for 2:18 pacers, purse \$1,000.

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WORLD'S FAIR SPECIAL DAYS

when the horses will be paraded, and this of itself will prove one of the most popular features of the show. Over \$8,000 will be distributed in premiums, and it is safe to predict that the greatest lot of horses ever shown in the South will compete for the rich prizes offered for the different classes. List of Dates for Special Observance at the World's Fair, St. Louis, in 1904. American Press Humorlsts' Day, Wed

nesday, June 1st.
Mark Twain Day, Friday, June 3d.

Mark Twain Day, Friany, June 36th.
International Association of Chiefs of
Police, Monday, June, 6th.
Orogon Day, Wednesday, June 16th, anniversary of the treaty between the
United States and Great Britain, fixing
the international boundary at the 49th the rich places of the rich place of the rich places.

The following gentlemen, who are widely known and regarded as experts in that line, will serve as judges:
Charles P. Williams, of Stonington, Conn.; Marian Story, New York; Edward Browning, Philadelphia; John R. Valentine, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Tompkins McIlvaine, New York; Charles Wheeler, Philadelphia; Sidnoy W. Stillwell, Rutland, Vt.; John Kerr Branch, Richmond.

the international boundary at the 49th parallel of latitude. West Virginia Day, Monday, June 20th, celebrating admission to Union.
Junior Order United American Mechanics. Thursday, June 23d.
Swedish Day, Friday, June 24th.
Royal League, Wednesday, June 29th.
French National Day, July 14th, celebration of the fall of the Bastile,
Butchers and Packers Association,
Thursday, July 28th.
Swiss Day, Saturday, August 20th.
Knights of Maccahees, Uniform Rank,
William Company and Company an

clusive.
Jowolers' and Silversmiths' Day, Thursday, September 1st.
Jewelers' and Silversmiths' Day, Friday,
September 2d.
Opticlans' Day, Saturday, September

The officers of the Mecklenburg Fair The officers of the Mecklenburg Fair Association are Dr. J. R. Brevard, presi-dent; S. B. Alexander, Jr., vice-president; W. J. Chambers, treasurer, and Junius H. Harden, secretary. The latter is not 3d. Modern Woodmen of the World, Thursday, September 8th. House of Hoo-Hoo, Friday, September

dent; S. H. Alexander, Jr., vice-president; W. J. Chambers, treasurer, and Junius H. Harden, secretary. The latter is not only a well known business man, but an experienced horseman as well, having figured as an owner and breeder for a number of years.

The speed programme:

TUESDAN, OCTOBER-27TH, No. 1-2:23 trot.

No. 2-2:25 trot.

No. 3--1:23 trot.

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No. 4-2:22 trot.

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No. 4-2:22 trot

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No. 5-2:18 trot

No. 6-5-8 mile heats, all ages, weight for age

No. 7-2:17 trot

No. 8-2:15 pace

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH.

No. 9-3-4 mile heats, all ages, weight for age

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 35TH.

No. 9-3-4 mile heats, all ages, weight for age

No. 9-3-1 mile heats, all ages, weight for age

No. 1-free-for-all pace

No. 11-free-for-all pace

No. 12-12 mile heats, all ages, weight for age

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LADY-BIRDS AND SAN JOSE SCALE

Prof. Atwood Gives Timely Advice to Horticulturists in Virginia.

(Written for The Times-Dispatch.)

In the issue of The Times-Dispatch for August 6th. I note under head of special correspondence from Charlottesville, an article concerning the promise of the apple corp for the present year, and in the latter part of this article your correspondent mentions the Barloss scale. To this part of this article your correspondent mentions the factorial that it is not the former of the former. The San Jose scale is a dread peat, as your correspondent says but think the statement in his article that this insect has already county a rather too strong. It are the factorial that the San Jose scale has destroyed a considerable number of trees, especially in private yards, gardens, etc. but to say that it has ruined many orchards, speaking of orchards as they are commercially considerade, is, I think, incorrect. The fact is, the real orchard districts of the county have been only slightly injured by this pest, and there is every prospect at the present time that the farmers will be able to protect their trees from this pest if they are prompt and careful in the application of remedles.

I note your correspondent speaks of the use of kerosene, and says that it is look-

their tress that the application of remedies.

I note your correspondent speaks of the use of kerosene, and says that it is looked upon as a specific. While it is true that kerosene is one of the best remedies that we know of for actually killing the scale, it is only one of several remedies that are successfully used to hold the scale insects in check. When kerosene is carefully used in the dormant season, it is a very effective remedy, and it mit under stress of circumstances be used when the trees are in foliage, so as to stay the spread of the scale, but the use of remedies in the winter, such as kerosene, soap, washes and the lime, sulphur, salt wash, are the real methods of holding this insect in check. There is now no reason for discouragement, and any farmer who will give his orchard the proper attention may hold this pest in check with a comparatively small, outlay, considering the value of chards.

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chard the proposition at the comparatively small outlay, considering the value of the Iruit crop in real commercial or chards.

It is not correct to say that the San Jose scale will kill an entire orchard in a single season. The fact is that this insect works slowly at first, and even its presence will not usually be discovered in an orchard, unless the same is carefully inspected, until it has been present for several years. Usually about the first per an orchard, unless the same is carefully inspected, until it has been present for several years. Usually about a first per an orchard, unless the same is carefully this pected. It is spread is rather rapid and disastrous, unless proper remedies are applied.

Under the head of a special to The Times-Dispatch, dated August 1ith, at Charlottesville, by Mr. Sam. B. Woods, Much has been said during the last two years about the introduction of this lady-bird beetle from Asia, by the United States Department of Agriculture. While those who have had these Asiatic beetles under other and thorough trial against the San Jose scale, no person of competent income them a thorough trial against the San Jose scale, no person of competent years them a thorough trial against the San Jose scale, no person of competent years and them a thorough trial against the San Jose scale, no person of competent independ at any time in the near future, render treatment for the San Jose scale unnecessary. Up to the present time we do not know whether this predacious beetle will be able to thrive in our climate and suppress the perniclous scale, However, all the economic entomologists are doing their best to test the matter carefully. To this end we are testing them here at Blacksburg, and elsewhere in the State, and we hope for good results; but in the meantime, I think it unfortunate that anything should be said in the public press to discourage farmers from equipping themelves with machinery and pursuring a thorough course of treatment gainst the scale pest.

Officers of the United States Dep chinery and pursuing a therough course of treatment gainst the scale pest.

Officers of the United States Department of Agriculture and all others who are competent to Judge of the work of this beetle are quite careful not to say that it will render treatment for the San Jose scale uncelmate, it will be some years before they become sufficiently numerous to materially aid farmers' in boiding back the invasion of the San Jose scale. Therefore, it would be almost inviting a calamity for our orchardists to wait for the work of this friendly insect. The fact is we must put our shoulders to the wheel and make a most thorough value of the predacious insects employed value of the predacious insects employed against the San Jose scale, and continue the same until the economic value of the predacious insects employed with the continue the same until the economic value of the predacious insects employed value.

Moonlight Boat Ride,

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)

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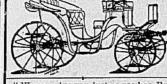
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A GREAT BROTHERHOOD.

Another said: "It's a great brotherhood." Yes, it's 'Richmond's 'railroad men's greatest brotherhood.

Recently the messenger boy sat on the same platform with the president at a great gathering of railfoad men and their familles on a Sunday afternoon, and the hearty handshake and social intercourse that followed was enjoyed by none more than the president.

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THE SOUTH AND WESTERN Road Completed to Mitchell County, North Carolina.

North Carolina.

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BRISTOL, VA., Aug. 15.—The South and Western Railway, work on which has been in progress for two years, has been completed to Spruce Pine, Mitchell county, N. C., and for the present further construction has been suspended. The work done since the Carter syndicate took charge of the road is all between Johnson City, Tenn., and Spruce Pine. N. C., a distance of sixty-five miles. All except fifteen miles of this has been constructed entirely by the forces at work under the management of George L. Carter. Mr. Carter is quoted as saying that for the present there are no provisions for the etxension of the road from Spruce Pine across the mountains to connect with the Scaboard Air Line. It has been the general impression that this link would be built as the one important feature to make the road a success.

Nothing has been done on the north end of the route toward the Southwest Virginia coal fields, and no information can be had as to the company's plans in this connection. Owing to the importance of the proposed connections, which would make a through line direct from the coal fields to the Carolina coast, the presumption is that the work of construction will not be long delayed.

teams are to be the guests at the president's table at the first members' banquet on Thursday night, Ootober 1st, at 8 P. M. The banquet will be an elaborate and an enjoyable affair, and it is expected that the president of both the Seaboard Air Line and Chesapeake and Ohio will be present, as well as other officials from the several roads entering Richmond. There are several valuable prizes offered for increase in membership, including a handsome gold watch, now on exhibition at J. T. Allen's.

LINE OF CAMPAIGN.

Mr. Flanagan, the popular captain of the "Royal Blues" is raillying all the shop forces against Mr. Sanden, the affable throttle puller of the Peninsula division, who is receiving the hearty support of the trainmen and enginemen of both the Chesapeake and Ohio and Seaboard Air Idne. Colonel Gillis has always envinced a lively itnerest in this work, and frequently leads the religious services.

The hall, parlors, library room, baths, etc. are liberally patronized by the rule.

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BOYKINS, VA., Aug. 15.—Miss Ruth
Vincent, of Augusta, Ark., who has been
on a visit to Mirs, T. P. Neston, is now
in Sovern, N. C., visiting friends.
Rev. C. E. Edwards, of Swangboro, N.
C., is in Boykins, on a short visit.
Mr. R. N. Musgrave, of Drowrysville,
Va., was seen on the streets of Boykins

The Baptist minister of this town, Rev. C. Blair, continues quite III at his hone, in Fell Creek, Va. Mr. E. B. Beaton, who has been in Dr. S. Leigh's hospital, in Norfolk, Va. Dr. S. Leigh's hospital, in Norfolk, Va., for quite a while, is now at home. Mesdames B. W. Vincent, of Greenes-ville county, Va., and T. A. Vincent, of Richmond, Va., are guests of Mrs. W. P. Gray.





